

Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
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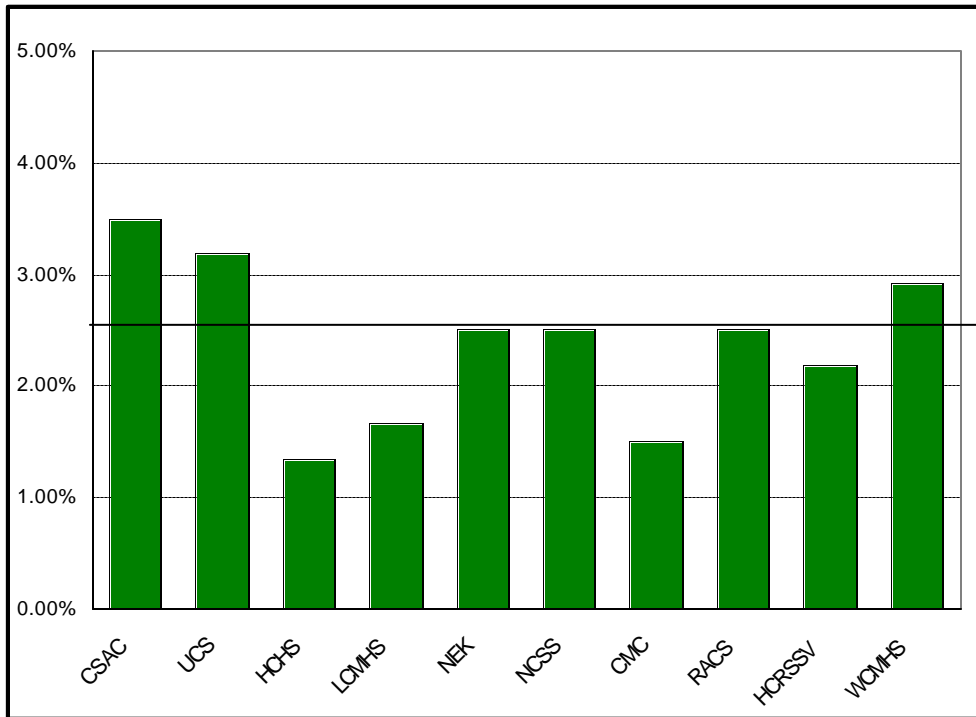
RE: Overall Adult Mental Health Service Utilization Rates.

The attached graph and table provide an overview of the proportion of all adult residents of each of Vermont's ten community mental health services that are served by Adult Outpatient or Community Rehabilitation Programs at their local designated community mental health agency. This is the second in a series of weekly performance indicator reports that will examine levels of access to community mental health services for adults in the general population and adults in special populations identified by the Performance Indicator Project Advisory Group.

As you will see, the proportion of adult residents who were served by community mental health programs varies from 1.5% in Orange County to 3.2% in Addison County. Six of the ten designated agencies served between two and three percent of all adults during the year examination. Three agencies served between one and two percent.

We will appreciate your thoughts on possible explanations of this variation in observed levels of access to care for adults in the general population of Vermont's ten community mental health service areas. We look forward to your comments and suggestions to 802-241-2638 or jpandiani@ddmhs.state.vt.us.

Overall Adult Mental Health Service Utilization by Vermont Residents FY1999



Region/Provider		Total Residents FY 1999	Total Residents Receiving MH Care	Percent Residents Receiving MH Care
Addison	- CSAC	25,913	904	3.5%
Bennington	- UCS	26,998	862	3.2%
Chittenden	- HCHS	125,660	1,688	1.3%
Lamoille	- LCMHS	24,698	412	1.7%
Northeast	- NEK	45,658	1,147	2.5%
Northwest	- NCSS	36,009	905	2.5%
Orange	- CMC	25,959	393	1.5%
Rutland	- RACS	48,658	1,225	2.5%
Southeast	- HCRSSV	69,045	1,513	2.2%
Washington	- WCMHS	43,162	1,257	2.9%
Total		471,760	10,306	
Median				2.5%

Population figures based on 1998 Vermont Population and Housing Estimates produced for the Vermont Department of Health by the University of Vermont Center for Rural Studies.

Active adult caseload includes all people assigned to a CRT or Adult Outpatient program who received at least one community mental health service during FY 1999.